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In re Patent Application of

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PREVENTING CLATHRATE HYDRATE BLOCKAGE

FORMATION IN FLOW LINES BY

ENHANCING WATER CUT

MAIL STOP RCE

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for three month Extension of Time extending the period for response from August 1, 2006, to October 1, 2006, and the following response.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.